Rural Dispensaries.

425 ❋ **MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of rural dispensaries subsidised by them;

(*b*) the places where such dispensaries are established; and

(*c*) the conditions on which subsidy is granted to such dispensaries?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Two.

(*b*) Puliyara and Edappalli.

(*c*) Under the grant-in-aid rules.

Manure Depot at Shertala.

426 ❋ **MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a Government Manure Depot at Shertala;

(*b*) if so, for how long;

(*c*) when it was closed; and

(*d*) why that Manure Depot was closed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For about eight years.

(*c*) In 1098 M. E.

(*d*) Because a private individual came forward to conduct the sale of manures on commission agency system.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether any manure depot was abolished in pursuance of the commission agency system other than the one at Shertala?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know, whether the sale of manures on commission agency system still continues?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are not aware.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know when that system was introduced?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): In 1098.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know when the commission agency system, given to an individual, was abolished?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Does the member want information with reference to Shertala?

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Yes. May I know whether this commission agency system given to the private individual still holds good and, if not, when was it discontinued?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): We are not aware of the fact that it was discontinued. There is no report to that effect.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Am I to understand that, in the course of the last 14 years, no communication was received from that private individual?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertalla I*) : Who is that private individual ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : One Mr. Pilo Ouseph.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertalla I*): Is he a living person now ? (*Laughter*).

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I am not sure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether there was any undertaking by that private individual that he will continue to conduct the manure depot for any length of time ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know why the Government manure depot was closed ? Is it on account of the fact that the private individual did not continue the depot ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Subsequently there was no demand for opening a manure depot.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether the Government manure depot was closed because there was no demand for the continuation of the same or whether there was an offer from a private individual to undertake that work ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No. Because there was a private individual to take up the agency.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Has he agreed to conduct it for any length of time ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : He agreed to have a depot there. Therefore the Government depot was discontinued.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Am I to understand then that Government did not take any undertaking from him for conducting it ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No. No agreement was taken.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Is there not a Director to inspect the depots conducted by the private agencies ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I believe so.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know when the depot was last inspected ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know whether there is any officer of Government entrusted with the duty of making reports with regard to manure depots ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Who is that Officer ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The Director of Agriculture.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know the reason why he has not made any report yet in this matter ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Probably there was nothing special to report on it.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is the private agency system now continued?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No. I believe not.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether any commission was paid to the individual last time?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKER (*Shertalla II*): What is meant by commission agency system?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): A private individual agrees to conduct the sale of manures and he is given a commission.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertalla II*): To whom is the amount disbursed? What is the rate of commission?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): At present I have no information about the rate.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertalla II*): May I know if he is the agent of Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): He is not the agent of Government, but he sells on agency system.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertalla II*): May I know whose agent he is?

PRESIDENT: His own. He said he is not the agent of Government.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertalla II*): Then may I know what was the necessity of paying a commission to a man who is himself an agent?

PRESIDENT: It is an inducement for taking up the agency.

Storing of metal by the P. W. D. on the sides of roads.

427 *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the Chief Engineer has received any representation that much inconvenience is caused and accidents are likely to occur and in some cases have occurred to vehicles, owing to the storing of metal and materials by the P. W. D. Officers or their contractors on the sides of narrow roads; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken on the same?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The material stocks stacked on the road side in contravention to the general orders in the department are invariably arranged to be removed to more convenient places immediately on such stacking being brought to notice and the officers responsible for slackness in carrying out the standing orders are taken to task.

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